

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application, all of which stand rejected. Based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Telephonic Interview

Applicant graciously thanks the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview April 27, 2004. In this interview, it was agreed that the addition of the language "automatically" to the "recalling" limitation of the independent claims would render the claims patentable over the combination of prior art forming the basis of the Examiner's claim rejections. Although Applicant maintains that the apparatus of DiMarco does not recall the area code in response to the entry of the local phone number or phone number (since the phone number is entered after the DiMarco apparatus recalls the area code), independent claims 1, 18, 31, and 45 were amended to require the selected area code to be automatically recalled in response to the entry or receipt of the local phone number or phone number.

Thus, Applicant submits that claims 1-43 are not obvious over the cited prior art, and as such, respectfully request withdrawal of the §103 rejections of these claims.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, all claims are now allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment,

the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (949) 725-0089.

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